

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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CONDUCT FOR PARENTS POLICY

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At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, we believe that staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to work. Behaviour that will cause harassment, alarm or distress to users of the premises is contrary to the aims of the school.

The purpose of the code is to provide a reminder to all parents, carers and visitors to our school about the expected conduct. This is so we can continue to flourish progress and achieve in an atmosphere of mutual understanding.

The school expects parents and carers to:

- Respect the caring ethos of the school
- Understand that parents and teachers need to work together for the benefit of the pupils
- Demonstrate in their own behaviour that all members of the school community should be treated with respect
- Seek to clarify a child's version of events with the school's view in order to bring about a peaceful solution to any issue
- Avoid or abstain from conduct that might bring the School into disrepute
- Correct their own child's behaviour, especially where it could lead to conflict
- Approach school staff to help resolve issues of concern

Avoid using staff as threats to admonish children's behaviour

The school says that in order to support a peaceful and safe school environment it does not tolerate:

- Disruptive behaviour which interferes or threatens to interfere with the operation of a classroom, office or other area of school grounds
- Loud or offensive language, swearing, cursing or displaying temper
- Threatening to do actual bodily harm to a member of school staff, governor, visitor, parent/carer or pupil, whether inside or outside school premises

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- Damaging or destroying school property
- Sending abusive or threatening emails, text/voicemail/phone messages or other written communication
- Defamatory, offensive or derogatory comments regarding the school or any of the pupils/parents/staff at the school on social media sites
- The use of physical aggression towards another adult or child. This includes physically punishing your own child on school premises
- Chastising someone else's child
- Smoking, or consuming alcohol or drugs on school property
- Bringing dogs on to school premises
- Any other action judged by the School to bring, or potentially bring the School into disrepute.

Should **any** of the above behaviour occur on the school premises the school may feel it is necessary to contact the appropriate authorities (e.g. Police) and if necessary, even ban the adult from entering the school grounds. If the behaviour warrants it the School also reserves the right to contact the parent's employer (if waged).

We trust that parents and careers will assist our school with the implementation of this policy and we thank you for your continuing support of the school.

Appendix 1

Inappropriate use of the Social Network Sites

Social media websites are being used to increasingly to fuel campaigns and complaints against the school, Headteacher, school staff and in some cases other parents/pupils. The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School considers the use of social media websites being used in this way as unacceptable and not in the best interests of the children or the whole school community. Any concerns you may have must be made through the appropriate channels by speaking to the class teacher, or the Headteacher, so they can be dealt with fairly, appropriately and effectively for all concerned.

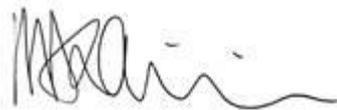
In the event that any pupil or parent/carer of a child/ren being educated at St Mary's School is found posting libellous or defamatory comments on Facebook or other social network sites, they will be reported to the appropriate 'report abuse' section of the network site. All social network sites have clear rules about the content which can be posted on the site and they provide robust mechanisms to report contact or activity which breaches this. The school will also expect that any parent/carer or pupil removes such comments immediately.

In serious cases the school will also consider its legal options to deal with any such misuse of social networking and other sites. Additionally, and perhaps more importantly is the issue of cyber bullying and the use by one child or a parent to publicly humiliate another by inappropriate social network entry. We will take and deal with this as a serious incident of school bullying.

We would expect that all parents would make all persons responsible for collecting children aware of the policy.

This Marking and Feedback Policy has been approved and adopted by the Governing Body on 5th September 2017 and will be reviewed on September 2018.

Signed by Chair of Governors:



Signed by Headteacher:

